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The Diary of Horatio Collins King Dickinson College Class of 1858

Fall 1856

Vacation of two months.

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September 11th. Left Home this morning at 6 A.M. and arrived here at 2. 1st, will give a brief sketch of my vacation. A week after my return, with John Randolph, went about 5 miles from W— to Mr. Browns, where we remained a couple of days, having passed the time very pleasantly. On the 21st July, started for Winchester, via B. & O. R.R. Spent with Mr. Carson and family, a delightful ten days. Attended several parties, and rode to Jordan Springs. Visited Shawnee Springs, the new Cemetery and Morgans grave, in the old cemetery on Church Hill, so called from there being three or four churches upon it. Having taken sick with the Diarrhea in W— I returned home. Obtained a place, as substitute for Koonty, foreign Letter Book clerk in P.O. Dept. where I worked during my stay home, and earned about \$66.00. Innes Randolph returned, and with him, had our usual good time. All the family were home, except Annie, who was in Maine. Hulseys spend about two weeks, and Tom Conrad, three days with me. Taken all in all, had a fine vacation. Rec'd several letters from Ellen Humes, Coz Maria and others. On my return, found nearly all the fellows back. Barnes, Harkness, Awl and myself visited the Lager Beer Salloon and had a bunkum time. Forgot to say that Uncle C— visited us during vacation, and saw my ΦΚΣ badge, but I got off from suspicion by a fib. The College has undergone thorough painting, dormitories removed. &c.

Sept. 12th Friday.

Attended the various rooms, but had no recitations. Fixed up my room. Bought a carpet at 75 cts per. Yd. also, the dormitories being removed, bought a curtain to conceal the bed, washstand &c. also a new table cloth, and a small light stand. Things begin to look very nice. Called on the Porters about 5 minutes and Ginnie Merchant, a ½ hour. Went to Stevenson's room, stayed a short time, and returned to my room. Retired at 10 ½.

Sept. 13th Saturday.

Arose at 4 ½. Went to market with Uncle C— to get butter to send home. My time being all taken up, I was excused from Wilson's recitation, Philosophy. Our scheme is recorded with the former ones. With Stevenson, called on the Misses Staymen's, and stayed a ½ hour. Miss Ra. has gone home. Rather glad of it, for I hate to be engaged in flirtation.

Sept. 14th Sunday.

Arose at 6. Played melodeon as usual in Chron. Nothing of importance done during the day. Wrote to Father.

Sept. 15th Monday.

Arose at 6. Recitations have fairly begun, and we have to study very hard. We have three recitations every day before dinner. Made arrangements with Staymen to give me music lessons. Will begin in a few days. Called on Mrs. Myers. She is quite unwell, but able to get about. Ret - 11 - P.M.

Sept 16th Tuesday.

Arose at 6. Has called up in Marshall's room in Tacitus, and made a good beginning. Wrote to Innes R— About 8, met Annie Keller, and escorted her to Bible Class. At 9, met Mallie Van Hoff, and Annie K. and walked with them some time. Went to ice cream salloon, and escorted them home at 10: sat down at Mallie's door. My idea of them is, that they are rather soft, but very good hugging

meat. Mallie is a splendid and luscious armful: I don't think her passionate, or would allow rude advances, but like a little lap-dog, which will allow much toying with, but snaps, if we go too far. Ret. at 11

Sept. 17th Wednesday.

Arose at 6. Went to see the $\Phi.K.\Sigma$ hall. It is not yet fixed up: expect to have it done in a few days. It is small, but very convenient, and large enough for the number of members who belong. Uncle C— rec'd a letter, stating that Father would go north tomorrow, and remain three or four weeks. Ret— at 10 3/4.

Sept. 18th Thursday.

Arose at 5 ½. Called up in Johnsons room, on the subject of abstract ideas, but after sitting in the chair a short time, informed him that the subject was abstract and I couldn't explain. This created a laugh. Called on in Tiff's room in Anylitical Geometry. Shall continue to name when called up, and when I fail will make especial note of it here. With Ginnie Merchant; went to see Marion Long. While there, Julia Gallagher and Minnie Hall came in. Played Euchre, and on the Piano until 10 P.M. when we left. I don't like Min Hall at all. Came to room and got out Philosophy. Have called on Ginnie Allen twice this week, but forgot to mention it. Ginnie Merchant, as well as all the girls have thought and still think that I am in love with Julia Biddle. I spent some time, explaining my position to Ginnie. Told her that I did not love, and never did love Julia. Ginnie believed me, but thought that my actions were not certainly indicative of my feelings. I guess she thinks, I want to flirt with her. She need not be afraid, for Minnie Moore is coming home in a few days. Ret. 11 1/4

Sept. 19th Friday.

Arose at 5 ½. The Jeffersonian Society put through a fellow (Waggoner by nam, and a green Waggoner by nature) [John L. Waggoner, Class of 1860, non-graduate] last night. We organized tonight in order to Facultize a Mr. McCoe, I think his name is. All the fellows, were dressed horribly: disguised in every possible way. Mr. Perrie was Presd't. The candidate was entered, and Presd't made the opening speech. The committee on music had finished, and that on music begun, when Dr Collins was announced at the door. After much debate, we

let him in, and then came a general stampede. We rushed by Dr. C— out into the Hall, and all but the room-mates — Mullin and Hopkins — of No. 47, escaped. Dr. C. had a good hearty laugh, and passed the whole affair by, without notice. The thing was decided by nil, and ended tragically. Ha! ha! ha! ha! $\Phi.K.\Sigma$. held a meeting at Hulsey's Room at Mrs. Millers, and initiated J.R. Carson, of Winchester Va. After we adjourned, several bought two water-melons, and we had a bunkum time. Stayed with Ned Griffith over night.

Sept. 20th Saturday.

Arose at 5 1/4. Called up in Philosophy. Attended Declaration. Dr. C— having gone to York, Pa Johnson presided, ergo, had a decidedly rich time, stamping, yelling, haying &c. &c. Went to Griffith's room, and Steve, Griff. and I, began and finished a banner, made after the following design of mine. We intend stretching it on a rope from East to West College. It is about the size of a double sheet. It is painted with appropriate colors. Spent four or five hours, drawing and painting it. Will fix it up on Monday, or tomorrow night. Held an election, viva voce, at 5 P.M. Just after the choir meeting. Judges were appointed. The Poles remained open about 2 1/2 hours. There was tremendous excitement: each party running for their men. At 7. Pm. the Poles closed, and shortly after, it was announced. 60 for Buchanan, 60 for Fillmore, and 13 for Fremont. Several Fremont men voted for Fillmore, in order to defeat Buchananists hence we gained the day. We formed in line, and marched down town, where we met Buchanan music, and followed it to the Democratic Club room, where we were heartily received. Bralton was Presd't of Club. Your Biddle spoke, and suggested three cheers for the delagation from Dick. Coll. which were duly given. W.J. Stevenson and W.E. Stewart followed with appropriate remarks. I then suggested three cheers for Bralton and the members of the club, which were given with the usual gusto of Students. After this, all fell in, and marched to College, where we separated with yells and cheers. Went with Steve. to Ice cream Saloon: returned to Conrads, and got into an exciting discussion with some K.Ns, after which, being very hoarse, tired &c, retired at 10 1/2. During my stay here, I have never before seen such tremendous enthusiasm and excitement. It is ominous: for young democracy is yet destined to rule the nation. Here will be a grand mass meeting on the 11th October, when a brilliant time is expected. Young America will do her share, in making it such. Transparencies, torchlights &c, will be obtained, and

every thing will be carried on in Bunkum Style. We Democrats will form a club, and do things right.....

Coz. Maria came from Portland yesterday. She looks very much improved.

BUCK AND BRECK UNION

[Drawn in.]

Sept. 21. Sunday.

Arose at 8. Wrote to Mother. We, yesterday elected F.A. Awl, leader of the choir. The ladies desired me to take it, but the melodeon is as much as I wish to attend to so, I commanded their vote in favor of Awl. Attended church, twice at chapel, and in the evening, at Lutheran, Parson Dougherty, Shire and Fing officiating. Returning from church, stopped at Porters, but luckily Mattie had retired, so I was relieved from staying. Retired at 10.

Sept. 22d Monday.

Arose at 5 ½, and hoisted the flag which we prepared on Sat. Created quite a furor, looks very well, notwithstanding the rough workmanship. Kate Staymen took tea with us - had a very pleasant conversation with her, relative to Miss Medary. During vacation, I asked of Miss M— permission to write, which she granted. A second thought led me to think of the impropriety and impertinence in my asking it, so I never wrote. I so explained it to Miss Kate, and am now fully out of the scrape. I thank my lucky stars for that. Mil Roberts returned, and Awl went away to attend "camping out" with the militia. He will remain several days: and, I'm afraid, will have an awful cold time. The 1st Violinist having returned, we anticipate some fine fun, and excellent music. "So wrote it be", as saith Don Jr. Ret. 10 ½.

Sept. 23d & 24. Tuesday & Wednesday.

Arose at 6. Received a letter from Innes, who is well, and flourishing. Flirting with Ginnie Dall, and Cis Woodward. John is struck with Ridley Offult, and as regards Cis W— is jealous of Innes. Here's a conglomeration of affairs.

Attended Society. Mr. J.W. Medary came in. I introduced him to Society. Judges (Newman and myself) took their seats: Debate on the Question, "ought damages to be given in case of breach of promise of marriage"? came, and decided by Judges in neg. from the merits of the debate. Had a very pleasant time. Frank Findlay returned to day (Wednesday): was very glad to see him again. Tells me much news about Ellen Humes. He fell in love with her, but owing to my prior rights, made no overtures. Thinks she is very fond of me. After consulting Coz Maria, and receiving her advice so to do, I wrote to Ellen asking if her affections are disengaged, and if so, are my addresses favored, and feelings (of love) reciprocated. Hope to receive an immediate answer for suspense is dreadful. Should her answers be favorable, I shall propose. If I am accepted, I shall go out there this winter. She talks some of coming to Philadelphia: if she does, I shall meet her there.

Took Oysters with Frank, came to room and retired at 11 o'clock.

Sept. 25th Thursday:

Arose at 6. Fourteen Fellows failed in Wilson's room. I was one. Stevenson, Reese, Hulse and several more of our click. Was called up in Johnsons room yesterday, and in Jimmy Marshalls on Monday. Put my stove up, and have a nice and exceedingly comfortable fire. Fraternity made arrangements to carry some furniture bought from U.P. Society down to their Hall, but owing to some mistake, we postponed until tomorrow night. Frank and I went to see Miss Staymen. Ada was unwell, so Kate entertained us very well for an hour or so, when we left. Kate's Sister— Sue Medary - has a baby, and Kate is an Aunty. Commenced taking the "Sun" regularly. Retired at 12 ½ o'clock.

September 26th Friday.

Arose at 6. Failed in Wilson's room. Recited Shakspeare in Johnson's Room: very easy, and pleasant exercise. Our section read the first act of Macbeth. Howell Cobb delivered in the Court House, a splendid Democratic stump speech. From him, I have learnt more concerning Kansas Troubles, than I ever knew before. The Democratic Students with their— badges of blue ribbon conspicuous marched to and into the court house, where we were received with applause and

acclamation. Fellows met at 12; when we shouldered the furniture down. This was a truly comical sight. We reached there and returned in Safety

September 27th Saturday.

Frank and Ken Purcell went to Hall and fixed things a little. I have a carpet to give, and hence, it will require but little more furniture. Have commenced putting a cheap paper on the walls. Improves it very much. Had a pleasant choir meeting: after which, accompanied Cis C— to Chris. Staymens, when with C my M— we took Supper and then returned to Kate S's, where I left her. Went to "Lager up", after which band practiced, for a short time. Both very pleasant. But for to day, I must close, as I am so sleepy I can scarce hold my head up, or my eyes open. Choir meeting at 4. Pleasant meeting. Retired 11.

Sept. 28th Sunday.

Arose at 6. Attended prayers. I must be undergoing a moral change. Church, twice at Chapel, and at 1st Presbyterian at night - Messrs. Reese, Dougherty and Wing officiating. A serious accident occurred to Miss Kate Staymen, while in the gallery. Her hoop broke, causing much merriment among the singers. No lives lost, or limbs broken, strange to say. Wrote to Mother: also to John Randolph: Came to room, after church, read Shakspeare's Macbeth. A splendid play: full of excitement and deep thought. Am becoming (to use a lady's phrase) perfectly devoted to Shakspeare. Shouldn't wonder if I drive a stage. Oh! what a pun. Ret. 10.

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October 13th Monday.

Arose at 6. Attended a Republican gathering at the market house, at 6 P.M. Lem. Todd, made a few glowingly, slandering remarks, and young Woodman, of Mass, clerk of the Kansas Investigating Committee followed with a pretty fine speech, but rathe full of lies and slander. He is a talented young fellow, and destined probably to be of some note. Stepped into B. & B. Club room, heard a few very encouraging remarks. Then called on the Stevenson girls, met Gibson

Hunt. Stayed an hour or so, then left. Had a pretty lively time. Took some oysters with Gib H. Came to room, and retired at 11 Pm.

October 14th Tuesday.

Arose at 6. Jinny Marshall had an awful tooth ache. King, Stevenson, Hulsey and Reese, read the entire Greek lesson. Called also in Johnson & Doctor C's room. Forgot to mention, that Kate S, Coz Maria, Frank and myself, yesterday eve, started for the reservoir, but it commenced raining after we had walked a short distance from town, so we returned much disappointed. State Election for Canal commissioner. M.C's &c comes off to day. Todd and Ahl are candidates for congress in this district. Ahl - Democrat. has beaten him by about 800 majority. Good for the Dem's.

October 15th Wednesday.

Arose at 6. Prof. Marshall too sick to attend recitation. Called up in Johnson's room. Attended Society. After a few of the exercises we gone through with, Society adjourned. Number of us attended the Cumberland Co. Agricultural Fair, which opened this morning. Very good exhibition. A fine show of home manufactures, and such like. Vegetables were necessarily very scarce. Agricultural implements, fancy inventions, fine horses, cows, oxen &c. also chickens with Shang-hair and prilled, white, black and speckled adorned the premises. John Rheem had two fine melodeons and a nice piano there. The latter, he requested me to perform on, but not desiring to make myself conspicuous, I begged to be excused. Was excused: saw some pretty good trotting done in the course. Number of us, left the grounds, and took passage on a "Yankee flying horse", and rode around several times. Great amusement for dignified students. Kate and Coz. Maria demanded my services to go visiting: Called on the elder Ms. Stevenson, Mrs. Myers, and Mrs. Seymour. The young ladies— Lizzie and Annie S— were out spending the evening. Was sorry, for I begin to like them— Lizzie especially— much. Returned early. Rumour says Dems. have carried the state. Great excitement. I shall rely only on the official returns. Ret. 11.

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...at 4, all went to the Chapel and Libraries. Passing Tiff's door, Joe Snively rapped, and I struck the recitation room door— with the umbrella. Tiff run out, and remarked very imperatively, "Mr. King when you pass my door, don't knock against it again". I yelled out "Yes Sir"! before he finished and walked on. He was awful mad; so was I. The girls, all remarked that they thought it was very ungentlemanly in him to make such a fuss about so small a matter. Visited the libraries: at 4 ½. Miss Howwe, & Miss Green, determined to start for home, but luckily the cars were so crowded that they couldn't go. Had a fine time after supper: singing, playing, making, and guessing comedrums, puns & &c. until 10 ½ P.M. Laughed for four hours almost incessantly: Miss Green would keep a crowd in the greatest merriment by her sallies of wit, funny stories &c. &c. Miss Riley is the handsomest, and is called the Belle of Chambers— ring. Her father was elected M.C. the other day.

October 18 Saturday.

Arose at 6. Had a pleasant time with the girls: at 9, the started to take a walk. Promenaded Main St. Went to Depot at 10, and bade them adieu, leaving with request from all that I should visit Chambersburg soon. Spoke Chrononholonthologas in Chapel. Took very well. Got along much better than I expected. O.K.

Frank and I bought new caps of new style. I bought a heavy plain gold ring (\$5.00) and had the initials H.C.K. ~ E.W.H. engraved therein. Shall send it to Ellen on Monday, by mail. This is the "Engagement ring". May our love, like the ring, have no end. God grant it, in his kindness. Intend sending her a locket in a few days. Bought me a green plaid velvet vest (\$6.00). Choir meeting at 3 ½, none but gents came, on account of the weather, so we adjourned. Meta Staymen came at 4 ½, but found no one there. Called at Staymen's, and stayed ½ hour. Went to apologize for the non-appearance of Coz. Maria who went to sit up with Miss Sarah Paine. The latter is very ill, and probably will not live through this sickness. Asked Meta to play and she sang "Kathleen Mavoureen". Oh. dear I felt miserably bored, but couldn't help smiling. For reason why, see Journal of July 8th, 9th & 10th —56. Left at 7 ½.. Φ.K.Σ meeting: I hooked some stove pipe, and the stove and room are all pretty well fixed had a cozy time. M.I. Cloud and Slape's were proposed for membership. Will be elected. All right: both first-rate men, and will

make first rate members. Came to room at 9. P.M. Read a few chapters in "Dred" and finding myself nodding and pretty sleepy. I retired at 10 1/4 P.M.

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October 22d Wednesday.

Arose at 6. Failed in Johnson's room. He has called me so often that I am tired of it. Hope he will give me a little rest. Expect, however, to be up tomorrow. Initiations of new members to day. About 17 initiated, and 2 more to be put through at some future date. Received some political documents from father. At 4 P.M. Coz. Maria, Ada, & Kate S— and Cis C— started for the reservoir. Got out a short distance it commenced sprinkling. We returned: it cleared up, of course: we started again. Went to cave, and mill, omitted the resevoir, and returned home much gratified. I walked with Ada, and was awfully bored by her taciturnity. I quit talking and thought of Ellen. Much pleasanter. Don't think they will ask me to go walking again. The old engine — Nicholas Biddle — is on the road, before the college; She is fired up, and the students are amusing themselves by ringing the bell and whistling her. Went over for that purpose: did so: man made a break for me: called me an ungallant and unauthorized name; I broke for the college: tumbled over a sand pile, picked myself up and went to Tylers Room. Stayed an hour, missed my watch. Went to Sand pile, where I fell and found it without any trouble. Narrow escape. Wouldn't lose my watch for my head. My watch is my best friend. Came to room. Wrote an easy, free letter to my Ellen. Wrote four pages, and then stopped on account of having to study my Philosophy— Qever. Retired at 11 ½.

October 23d Thursday

Arose at 6. Failed in Johnson's: also called up in Schem's room. Received some Democratic election documents from Father. One, the speech of Hunter of Va, will be of assistance to me next Wednesday on debate. Met the children in the parlor, for the purpose of teaching them some songs. Got along very well, Awl, & Barnes went into Dr's to hear me play. Stevenson, Carson, Conrad, Hulsey and myself bought some oysters. I obtained plates, spoons, milk &c. and cooked them in my room. Had a nice treat. All joined in pronouncing them done up in tip-top style. Studied out my Philosophy and Ret. at 10 ½.

October 24. Friday.

Arose at 6. Called up in Wilson's and Tiffany's room. Have a severe cold in my head: exceedingly stupifying and uncomfortable. Met my singing class again this evening. Had some apples and boiled chestnuts in my room. R. 9 ½

October 25th Saturday.

Arose at 6. Rolled, with others a cannon ball in back campus. Dangerous amusement Played Euchre withe Barnes and Keen. Attended Declamation in Chapel. Rather borous. Went to Hulseys room. Played Euchre awhile there. Practiced some voluntaries for tomorrow. Went to choir meeting: on account of the same, none were present. Read over "Antigone," withe Marryatt and retired at 9. P.M.

October 26. Saturday.

Arose at 6. Went to prayers, returned and went to bed again. Laid for 1 ½ hours, until the fire was made. After breakfast Coz. Maria gave my head a nice cleaning. Forgot to mention, that I gave myself a good scouring in Dr's Bath Room. Feel like a new being. Intend to indulge this often . Attended chapel twice— Dougherty officiating in forenoon and Prof. Johnson giving us a sermon on higher law in the afternoon. Walked to house with Lizzie Seymour. Have had a severe headache all day. Wrote to my Ellen, and to Father. Finished Mrs. Stowe's new work— "Dred". Consider it very little if any above the common order of novels. It abounds in highly colored exaggerations, false arguments, and altogether is written in a hypocritical style. Her reputation is not sustained by this last emanation.

October 27th Monday.

Arose at 6. Prof. Marshall called me up while I was absent from his room a few minutes. He was not aware that I had gone out. Excused. Went to take music lesson, but John S— was not in. Listened to a fine lecture on history from Johnson. Stevenson, Carson and myself bought cheap curtains for $\Phi.K.\Sigma.$ Hall. I made them up— i.e. hemming &c. &c. Called on Mrs. Hannon (formerly Eliza

Rheem), who is here on a visit. Stayed about 15 minutes. She looks as blooming as ever. Read Chevaliers of France &. Ret. at 10 ½.

October 28th Tuesday.

Arose at 6. Called in Marshall's room— Excused from Johnson's and called in Uncle C's. Went to office twice but received no letter from Ellen. I wonder why she does not write. Had a variety of interesting experiments by Wilson, with the air pump. Sarg. Reese and I remained after lecture and amused ourselves with the air gun for half an hour. Made some preparations for debate to-morrow. Wrote to Farnsworth and then retired at 9 P.M.

October 29th Wednesday.

Arose at 6. Went down to the cars with Coz. Cis to meet Miss Annie Marry Seibert— now Mrs. Gibson. She was married this morning. Her husband is a smart, intelligent looking man, with face and form similar to John Munroe. Was called on in Johnson's room, but being at the cars and absent from his room; it is probable I did not respond to the call. Received letter from Annie— Says, Mother will be on here in a few days. I hope she may, for I want a present of about ten dollars from her. Attended society— had a very pleasant time. Entertaining debate on the question— Was the repeal of the Missouri compromise expedient. I was counselor on the affirmative. Succeeded far beyond my expectations. The judges and Society, both decided the question in favor of the Affirmative. The interest taken in society far exceeds that of last or the previous year.

Met the children for singing again. After it, met Miss Kate Stayman in the parlor, and escorted her home. Talked of Rachael— She always take peculiar pains to acquaint me with the fact that Rachael does not favor any of her Baltimore beaux. I am afraid I will get into another Cis. Woodward mess. I hope by skilful working to escape it. Had a long discussion in John's room (no. 33. E.C.) on the Missouri compromise question with Jones E.T. [Edward T. Jones, Class of 1859, non-graduate] and John. Studied Philosophy and ret. at 10 3/4.

October 30, Thursday.

Called in Wilson's and Schem's— failed in Johnson's. The last named has called me about eight times in succession. I'm getting tired of it, and shall put a stop to it very soon. Took a lesson in Music from John S—. Mil. Roberts and I, playing in Barnes room in study hours. Didn't hear the bell ring and was about 10 minutes late. Got excused . Met Kate S— at Dr. C's and escorted her home. Singing class after tea. We get along very well, considering the age of the children— they are 6- 8- 10, 12, &14 respectively. Coz. Maria and I, spent the evening at Stayman's. Mrs. Medary (Sue Stayman) introduced her month old "young one". Not a very lively, handsome or pre-possessing baby: has a very handsome, flashy black eye, and will have very black hair. Pede Marshall — came in. We laughed, conversed, sand played cc. until 9 ½ when we left. At 11 o'clock, Stevenson, Earson, and myself went down to Φ.K. Hall. Fixed up the curtains &c. &c. putting things to right, generally. Returned and retired cheerfully at 12.

October 31st Friday.

Arose at 6. Called in Wilson's room. Commenced Shakspeare's "King John" with Johnson. Have first finished "Macbeth". Have some very poor reading and but little good. Met Kate and Ada Stayman in Uncle C's, and walked home with them. Called at Porter's and bored through a ½ hour: then went to Stevenson's + found the young ladies out, but talked awhile with the Ma, thereby ingratiating myself into her favor, and through into that of the daughter's. Wye runs C hew- Eh- see the place? Meeting of the Φ.K.Σ. fraternity. All are delighted with the appearance of the hall: but an entire carpet is wanting. A.H. Slape and D.M. Cloud [Daniel Mountjoy Cloud, Class of 1858]— both of our class, were initiated. Valuable acquisitions to our number. Returned from hall and retired at 11 ½ o'clock. T.N. Conrad for fear of exciting the suspicion of his chum stayed with me all night. Slape and Cloud are highly delighted with their good fortune, considering themselves exceeding well off. The present members are, Bird, Conrad, Burns, Cloud, Carson, Findlay, Getzendaner, Griffith, E.L. Hays, Hulse, King, Purcell, Stevenson, W.J. Slape, Perry W.F. [William Fletcher Perrie, Class of 1857] Members who have left college are, I.D. Clark, Harnsberger, Watters, Tucker, Himes [Charles Francis Himes, Class of 1855] and Reigart [Emanuel H. Reigart, Class of 1857, non-graduate] the founder.

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November 3d Monday.

Arose at 6 ½. From this date- morning prayers at 6 ½— breakfast at 7 ½— Evening prayers at 4 ½ and evening recitation one hour previous. Study hours 7. PM. Called in Schem's room, but on accountment of engagement on his part, excused from Uncle C's. Wrote to my dearest Ellen and to Sister Annie. Uncle C— received letter from Father containing a check for \$50, which is very acceptable. Met my old friend and singing master Daniel Kemerer, with whom I flourished so largely about three years ago at his concerts in Washington. He has a class of about 300 from the public schools. Went round to Education Hall to hear them practice. He gives a concert next Monday night. Hope to have the pleasure of hearing the children. Received the Ladies Repository. Walked down to the Lager Beer Salloon with Awl and Barnes but did not drink any. Cutting up in Barnes room. Uncle C— came. Said Barnes needed a moderator. B— remarked that he had his lessons learned. Dr— replied— 'you are more fortunate than usual'. Awl was sitting in chair behind the door. Dr— didn't see him, until he went to open the door on his way out, the door striking the chair, he looked to see what it was, when Awl, not being able to kam himself any longer burst out laughing. Dr— remarked, "Good evening Sir— your most obt, so you are the one who is making all this noise" and laughing passed out. On leaving B's room Awl and I made considerable fuss and had Dr after us again, but he thought one of us made the noise by falling down stairs. Gulled him that time. Retired at 10. Took a very pleasant music lesson from John Stayman at 2 P.M.

November 4th Tuesday.

Arose at 6. College exercises are suspended in consideration of the importance of the day. On this day, we Democrats hope to make Buchanan Presd't of the U.S, and I think we will succeed in doing so. Went down to Polls, and loafed around for awhile. Borous— because I have no vote. Called at 11. AM, on Ginnie Merchant, and apologized for my non-appearance at her party. Miss Jenny Jenkins came in. Passed an hour or so— rather borous by there. Left at 12. At 3 ½, escorted Ada, Kate and Coz. Maria to the Union Library, where we

remained looking at the books and each other for about an hour. Very interesting— especially the latter. Took Coz Maria to Education Hall to hear the "Continental" again. The weather was bad but they had a crowded house. They sang "The Marselaise", the "Flag of our Union", "Warrens Grave", "Origin of Yankee Doodle" "Rail Road Chorus" and many others. Master Lewis performed the "Carnival of Venice" very finely. Returned and Ret. at 10 & 11.

November 5th Wednesday.

Arose at 6 ½. Called in Marshall's room. Class went over towards Johnson's room— reached the steps in West College, when some one remarked that the door was locked, so we left. Afterwards it was learned that the door was not locked, but we were out, and intended to stay out— no one going in but "Care" who will probably be a Second Edition of Akers in our Class. The thought is tantalizing and borous. I wish he had remained in Williamsport. His presence is borous here to us.

Tiffany was talking to a crowd of fellows in his room concerning the political troubles, when having expressed himself pretty strong in some thing contrary to Hulse's idea and opinion, the latter exclaimed rather impatiently "oh s—t!" which exclamation caused considerable merriment and uproarious laughter. Attended Society— very good debate on question "was Cromwell a patriot"?. Care [Thomas Care, Class of 1858] acting in Effingers, place, and Carson in Newmans. Detained in society until after prayers. Walked down town. Met Dr. Kelso, whose establishment has been closed by the Sheriff. Dr. K— went scarrily for a man who decamped, and now Dr. K has to case his property. Bought a pair of black pants: also shoes. Having nothing else to do read awhile and retired at 9 ½—

P.S. It has snowed very little to day, but not enough to make an impression or leave its mark. The wind blows very hard.

November 6th Thursday.

Arose at 6 ½. Called in Wilson's: and after a few minutes lecture from Johnson and Tiffany, we were excused. Went to Post Office twice and rec'd nothing both times. Took a lesson— very agreeable one too— in music. Am progressing finely. For the last day or two my appearance has been much changed

by my wearing Stevenson's shad-bellied coat. The newly organized reading club, consisting of Misses Seavey & Stayman's, and Missus. Findlay, Stevenson, Marshall and King, met at 7. The ladies sewed, while gents read. The work perused was Dr. Kane's Arctic expedition.

The working quite interesting— Stevenson and Marshall read: after which some playing & singing, then a few refreshments and then left, not having had so agreeable time as was anticipated. Returned at 10 and retired at 11 P.M.

November 8th Friday.

Arose at 6 ½. Read "King John", in Johnson's room. Took the character of "Austria", Act II, Scene I. Called in Tiffany's room, after taking the trouble to get Janitor Walts to ring the bell ahead of time, that we might get off. Bought a pair of slippers for my Sailor Costume. Received a sweet letter from Ellen, which are always dear and ever welcome. Escorted Cis Collins to Todd Merchants party, and then returned for her at 11. Found Ginnie very pretty and smiling. Sang a time for her, after which, left. Had a long talk with John and Care on a variety of topics. At 8. P.M— went in to see Coz. Maria, with my Sailor costume on. Me with the costume, not Coz. M— Retired at 11 3/4.

November 8th Saturday.

Arose at 6 ½. Frank, with Ada S— and myself with Kate attended the speaking in Chapel. Stevenson, Effinger, Newman, Slape and others performed. By way of novelty, little John Collins spoke one verse of "Twinkle, twinkle little star", which was received with tremendous rounds of applause. His delivery was good, and the performance astonishing for a child of 5 years of age. Escorted the ladies home, and sat for a few minutes, in an exciting debate on the merit and general appearance of Miss Sarah Paine— the homeliest woman I ever saw. She is, however very intelligent &c. Went to Education Hall to hear my old Music teacher. Dan, Kemerer, drill a class of about 300 or thereabout. It seemed like days gone by— the happy childhood, which only in memory can be recalled. Met my old friend and fellow $\Phi.K.\Sigma$. Isaac D. Clark in Stevenson's room. Was awful glad to meet him. Received a letter from J.B. Farnsworth, who is still in Woodstock, Vt. delving in musty Blackstone. No choir meeting on account of the severe storm. Call meeting of the at 9. P.m. to meet I.D. Clark, but said

gentleman did not come: so after transacting some unimportant business, left at 10 P.m. Retired at 11.

November 9th Sunday.

Arose at 6 ½. Buchanan and Breckenridge are duly elected, the vote standing as far as heard from thus— Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Illinois, Indiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, for B & B: Maine and all the rest for Fremont and Dayton, except Maryland for Fillmore and Donnelson. California has not as yet been heard from. It can not turn the scale at all.

Attended Chapel twice, as usual: Dougherty and Prof. Tiffany officiating. In forenoon, Lizzie S— sang "To thee oh God our Savior", very beautifully. In afternoon walked to her house with her. Met Dan. Kemmerer at Hotel: also met Joe Culver. Former gave me eleven complimentary tickets for distribution among my friends. Gave 5 to Uncle Charles, two to Dr. Dougherty, two to Frank, and kept two for myself. Kemmerer's concert comes off to morrow night. Wrote to my Ellen, also to Father. Went into Coz. Maria's room at 7 o'clock. Wrote ½ a letter to Grandmother C—, a short P.S. to Coz. Annie Seavey, and a page in Coz. M—s journal. Had a number of sugar-cakes there, and all feeling in a lively humour, we had much fun. Left at 8 ½. Read Forrest's master piece, Jack Cade, written by Conrad, the present mayor of Philadelphia. Retired at 10.

November 10th Monday.

Arose at 6 ½. Took a lesson in music from John Stayman [John Keagy Stayman, tenure 1861-71]. Like him very much: think— I improve every day. Lecture from Johnson: answered to my name, and shipped out. Took down the old Democratic Banner which has stood the weather bravely: now she is no longer useful, but is laid away to rest. The cord and rope I reserve to compensate me for my services in keeping it floating. Propose lending the rope to hang disappointed Black Republicans, especially those who are bitterly opposed to taking the quadrennial trip up the famous Salt River.

Frank and Metta, & Kate and myself attended Kemmerer's concert of Juveniles. About 250 children occupied the stage, and very pleasantly entertained us for a couple of hours: when we returned to Stayman's: conversed for awhile, and then left. In honor of the election, the Democrats had a jubilee: large bonfire and torchlight procession. Something extra, for Carlisle. About midnight, I was awakened by the eng of "College on fire", "College on fire"! I hurried to the back Campus, when I perceived the "Capitol" i.e. North College in flames. North C— consists of a row of one story stone buildings, and at this corner the "Capitol". In the latter place, the fire, the work of some student probably, commenced. The janitor and his wife, with one or two other niggers, occupied one of the rooms. His door was kicked down, and he hurried up to ring the bell in shirt and drawers only, therein presenting a picturesque light. We cleaned out his room— taking out bedsheets, carpet, and even the stove. Had the niggers not been thus awakened, they would have been severely burned in a few minutes. The engines came up, but succeeded in saving only a little of the wood-work, which will answer for fire-wood. The buildings were to be removed in a short time, as the "Capitol" was complained of as a nuisance. The loss is small. The ruins are quite classic in their appearance. Returned to room at 1 ½- and retired again. Prof. Johnson being awfully excited, cut a very ridiculous figure. Hea! ha! ha!

November 11th Tuesday.

Arose at 6 ½. Recitations proceeded without intermission on account of fire. Called In Johnson's room: being no fire in Dr. Collin's, were excused from his recitation. Stevenson, Carson and myself went to Porters and eat oysters. Had only 45 cts, and hence called for 12 ½ ct. plates, but by mistake they gave us 25 ct. ones: so when we came to settle up, found ourselves minus, and had to ask trust for a few days, which was cheerfully given. All accepted the invitation of Hulsey to eat some more: took them this time at Peter's, and found them a deal nicer. Came to room and retired at 11. P.m.

Nov. 12th Wednesday.

Arose at 6 ½. Got up a general failure in Johnson's room, because he gave us twenty pages. Said, i.e. Prof. J— afterwards that he did not expect us to recite well on it: but nevertheless gave us 20 pages more for tomorrow. Class don't intend to get it. No stove in Tiffany's room, so we were excused. The oysters and

severe exercise taken this forenoon succeeded in giving me a dreadful headache which put me to bed for 5 hours. Had written out several pages of debate on the negative of the question, "should internal improvements be carried on by the general government"? but owing to my sickness, I could not attend society. My dinner was sent in to my room. Felt better at 5 P.m. and answered letter which I received from Ellen, my dear Ellen this forenoon. Had a visit from Mullin [Alfred Foster Mullin, Class of 1858] and Reese— both under the influence of lager beer, and exceedingly borous.

Nov'r 13th Thursday.

Arose at 6 ½. Excused from Johnson: we had agreed upon a general failure, but his course obviated the necessity of carrying out our agreement. Took lesson from John Stayman; also practiced an hour. Find my lessons and teacher more pleasant each time. Am playing exercises in six sharps now— and find it pretty hard, taking the fingering, counting time &c all into consideration. Took a game of Euchre with Hulsey and beat him badly. Received a letter from Father, stating that Mother would probably be here next week, but advised me not to look for her until I see her coming. Joe Stuart returned to college and class: Tester of last years graduating class came on a short visit. Am glad to see Joe S— back, for he is a bunkum fellow. Think we will have to make a " Kap," of him soon. Reading Club met at Stayman's. All took part in reading the beautiful poetic play by Mrs. Hemans, entitled the Siege of Valencia. The characters were as follows.

Gonzalez, the King --- King.

Hernandex, the Priest --- Findlay.

Garcias - Spanish Knight. Stevenson.

Abdullah ----- Marshall.

Alphonso Sons of King "

Carlos King.

Elimeria - daughter of King - Kate S.

Elumina, wife --- Coz. Mari.

Theresa, maid to Ximena. Meta S.

Citizens, soldiers &c. by the company, generally.

The play was read with feeling, and all sustained their parts. Had a bunkum time. Gussed conundrums; Meta sang, and altogether, the evening was spent in delightful manner. Left at 10, and retired at 10 ½.

Nov'r 14th Friday.

Arose at 6 ½. and not having looked at the lesson, failed in Wilsons. About ½ the class failed, and only two or three made respectable recitations. Being no fire in Tiffany's room, additional lesson assigned, and we excused. There was an assemblage of about 50, consisting of college circle (students excepted) in Uncle C's. Steve, Frank, Carson, Snively, Brims and Slavins [Duke Slavens, Class of 1859], among the number present, and the only students, save myself invited. The Stayman's and Seymours, and also the Porters were present. Had a bunkum time. Plagued Kate S— about a Mr. McDaniel who came from Baltimore last Winter to see her, and paid particular attentions which were not received. She being considerably teased told the whole strong, how he endeavored to adress her, but was bluffed off. He is a rich widower about 35 or 40 years of age: but didn't suit her taste. Company broke up at 12— walked home with Kate: she holds a fellows arm must awful nice and tight. The supper was tip-top. Oysters, stewed and baked, chicken salad, large jelly cake, small cakes, blancmange, preserved apples &c. &c. Judging from the justice done the eatables by the company, they must have been fully appreciated. I escorted Lizzie Stayman to Supper: found her very pleasant, but owing to ill health not so loquacious and entertaining as sister Kate on Metta. Came to room at 12 ½: talked over the affair with Frank. He appeared for the 1st time in swallow-tail blue coat with brass-buttons. Senior dignity. Retired at 11.

November 15th Saturday.

Arose at 6 ½. Being no fire in Wilson's room, we were excused. Awful glad of it. Long and borous recitation. Stevenson and Marshall in company with Kate

and Mettie, and myself with Coz. Maria attended declamation. Frank gave us a very good senior speech. Johny Collins declaimed "Casibianca" — 4 verses, in a masterly manner for a little boy; and was greeted with shouts of applause. Little Ernest Johnson went on to the stage to speak, but becoming frightened made an in gloriously hasty retreat. This last performance eliciting yells of applause. Read "Kalweah", by W.S. Margo. Very entertaining: something after the style of Baron Munchausen. Choir meeting at 3 o'clock. For a wonder, it didn't rain; ergo, had a very good attendance. Brim with his rattling Bass was absent. Took tea, by invitation, at Mrs. Seymours. Coz. Maria, Cis C— and Joe Snively were present. Lizzie sang several songs most beautifully. She has a charming and magnificent voice: equal to many Prima Donna's. Played several Duett's with her, and had a bunkum time. Admire her very much: she is so refined and amiable, and has such a splendid voice, that I wonder she is not married long ere this. She is rapidly approaching old-maid-dom. Played three games of back-gammon with Annie. Beat her twice, and then she gammoned me. Left at 10 P.M. Took "I know that my Redeemer liveth", in order to learn the accompaniment, to play for her. Ret at 10 ½.

Nov'er 16th Sunday.

Arose at 6 ½. Guess I will have to make "sick" an excuse for my absence from prayers. Coz. Maria gave my hair an excellent combing and cleaning. Attended chapel twice— Collins and Dougherty officiating. Took a short walk before dinner: after afternoon service, escorted the Seymour ladies home. Wrote letter to Ellen, and also to Father. Ret. 10 ¾ P.m.

Nov'r 17th Monday.

Arose at 6 ½. Deposited letters in office: not very pleasant walking in the face of a cutting wind. No letter from my Ellen— I wonder why she does not write oftener! Missed Johnson's lecture, and prayers also, by going to Court. Immaterial however: guess I can make out to get off. With John Carson called on Mrs. Tiffany, who not being at home, we left our cards. Some fellows, on Sat. night, being more than "half seas over", kicked out the panels of Prof. Schem's door. He was not in at the time. Some fellow from Indiana University where they have been raising a rebellion about the Societies, applied for admission here but was refused, on the plea of not having an honorable dismissal from Ia. U. The fuss they had there was,

the faculty refusing to allow the Societies to continue holding their meetings on Friday night. The Societies closed their Halls; the faculty declared the college in a State of Rebellion, and the fellows refusing to accede to the terms of the faculty, 80, of the 98 students in college proper left. I don't like the principle which Dr. enforced this morning. Ret. at 9 3/4.

Nov. 18. Tuesday.

Arose at 6 ½. Some malicious rascal put red pepper on Prof. Marshall's, creating any amount of chocking laughing, but we had to stick it out. A freshman was the perpetrator. Called on in Johnson's room. Had a delightful dream of my Ellen, last night. Met her in Abingdon, and joyous was the meeting. She seemed the same as when I saw her four years ago. Several in a low-necked, short-sleeved dress, and looked very, very beautiful. How I long to see my dearest one. Had considerable cutting up in Wilson's at lecture: he threatened us with (almost) annihilation. Preached considerable, but I think the sermon had little effect. John Carson and I called at Mrs. Seymour's. Had an exceeding pleasant time. Played back gammon: also some performances on the piano. Left at 10, impressed with the idea that Lizzie is an especially fine young lady. Went of Johns C's room, and read over his Latin. Returned to room, and after boring Bowie [Bowie, Clifford N. and John E., Class of 1857, Non-graduates. Bowie, Henry C., Class of 1859, Non-graduate] for awhile, retired at 11.

Nov. 19th Wednesday.

Arose at 6 ½. Called in Johnson's and Tiff's. Received letter from Ellen, very cheering and delightful. Attended society— Myers and Emory were initiated: then the soc. adjourned. Took tea at Mrs. Stayman's. Coz. Maria present. Had a Philosophical discussion with John S—. Played back-gammon with Kate— played 10 games- coming out even. Left at 10. Vigilance Committee met and at 11 ½, carried down two chairs, two racks, and picture of Martha Washington College. Ret at 1.

Nov. 20. Thursday.

Arose at 6 ½. Thanksgiving day. Called on the ladies, and invited them to Choir meeting, which was held at 10. Had a short service in Chapel. Dr. Dougherty

giving us a very patriotic sermon on the "Influence of the Bible on Civil Liberty." We sang "Te shall seek me and find me", and "Oh be joyful in the Lord", besides one or two C.M. tunes. Very pleasant exercise. Very good dinner in Uncle C's, but did not indulge much. Steve, Frank & Miss Seavey riding. Frank, Pede and I walked with the above ladies to the Reservoir— Meta walking with me. Had a very good time: reached the Reservoir at sun down. Spent the evening in Brim's room, electioneering for B— against S.J. Jones, who is endeavoring to get the office of President in our Society. Returned and retired at 10 o'clock.

Nov. 21st Friday.

Arose at 6 ½. Called in Wilson's room. Rainy all day. Busily engaged electioneering against Jones. Very good success. Jack Duvall came up yesterday to re-enter College: also J.F. Stoek on a short visit. The former came very near "going off the handle" with the Typhoid fever: he is now very much swollen from the effects of quinine. Mr. & Mrs. Coover (Sallie Porter) came up to day. No lecture this eve— exceedingly agreeable to all. Dr. Collins caught Frank cutting up with Gus Bird and Bowie. Short lecture on moderation, and then left. Retired at 9.

November 22d. Saturday.

Arose at 6 ½. Visited Sallie Porter now— Mrs. Coover, whom I asked to play the melodeon for me this afternoon, but having so many engagements she excused herself. Called in Wilson's. Frank, Stevenson and myself obtained each a horse and buggy, and a young lady— Frank- Mettie S—, Stevenson, Miss Seavey, and I - Kate S—. Started en route for Papertown, where after a delightful side, we safely arrived. Stopped at Moores Tavern a few moments, and warmed our chilly fingers and toes, and then drove slowly up the mountain. Steve and myself raced considerable which frightened Miss Kate very much, and after much inducement and begging, we discontinued it. Arrived near the summit of the mountain, we turned about, and came down the mountain at head long speed, travelling over a mile in about five minutes: all the ladies were somewhat frightened, but no accident occurred. Having reached the Tavern, we entered the parlor, laughed, conversed, and eat apples until supper was announced when we partook of some delightful country fixings. After which, we were much amused with the games of "Consequences" of which we played several, until at 8 ½ P.M. we again started, and after time, a delightful ride of an hour reached home. My conversation with

Kate was especially agreeable. We talked of Miss Medary awhile explaining my actions toward her last commencement and finally to get out of a scrape, told her of my engagement with Ellen Humes: how long I had known her &c. &c. She gave me an amusing account of a Widower Mr. McDaniel from Baltimore where she first met him, who came up to see her last winter in a severe snow-storm, and how she bluffed him off— refusing to see him alone or to correspond. Returned to their house at 9 3/4, and the came to room. Jef Stoek stayed over night with us. Retired at 11.

November 23d Sunday.

Arose at 7 3/4. Wrote to Ellen, to Father and to J.B. Farnsworth. Attended Chapel twice, Messrs. Collins and Dougherty officiating. Extempore playing to some extent while the collection for widows and orphans was being taken up. Walked home with Kate Stayman in afternoon. Ret. at 9.

November 24th Monday.

Arose at 6 ½. Marshall was sick, so we were excused. Called in Schem's and Uncle Charles' room. While sitting in Schems room, I indulged in a sleepy reverie. I saw a funeral passing before me. The bier borne by six young men, proceeded by the minister, and undertaker, and followed by Mr. & Mrs. Humes, Mr. & Mrs. Sheffey, John Humes and Tho. A Findlay, Tom H, and myself followed as chief mourners, besides a large body of friends, wound silently among the tombs. I thought Ellen was dead. We reached the grave and they lowered her down. "Dust to dust, ashes to ashes", and the dry clods rattling in the grave seemed to arouse me, and I explained "My God she must not, shall not leave me". Just then a letter from Ellen was given my by Marriott.

I smiled at my foolish reverie, but on opening the letter, I thought the coincidence very singular. Mr. Humes and John had read my two last letters, and were endeavoring to break off our engagement, for they want Ellen to marry a Mr. Heal Bibb of Huntsville, Ala. whom she detests. Her letter was full of protestations of love and constancy: and says if our correspondence is broken off, as her father is attempting to do, her happiness is destroyed. She desires me to her letters to Theo A. Findlay. I immediately wrote in answer, swearing eternal fidelity. I know Ellen loves me dearly, and will prove true and unwavering, but

parents and brothers can wield considerable power, we know. But I pray to God, that all things may be soon arranged as before. I can not think Mr. Humes believes me the heartless being, he tells her I am. He told her, I was only flirting and half the Dickinson Students we laughing over her letters &c. &c. I am very nervous and excited and can scarce write. Here again is an instance to prove the old maxim that the "course of love never did run smooth".

With Coz. Maria, spent the evening at Lizzie Seymours. Played back-gammon: Lizzie sang considerable, and we both played duetts. Spent, as usual, a delightful evening, but was very sad nevertheless. I think of Ellen all the time, and the contents of her noble letter have made my heart more firm, and I feel that I could not part with her: that she is all in all to me. God bless her! Returned and retired at 10.

November 25. Tuesday.

Arose at 6 ½. Marshall recovered for a time. Wrote a composition on Mount Vernon for Johnson. Milnor Roberts returned: we went into Barnes' and had some fun. Hired Carriage with Pede Marshall and I took Aunt. Harriet and Coz. Maria first, 2d Lizzie Seymour and Mrs. Tiffany, at whose house I met a Mrs. Grinnel from Baltimore. Went to Mrs. Reese's party. Frank and Pede to Kate and Mettie: they were near upsetting, but the gentleman getting out in the mud, and buoying the carriage, no accident happened. Was quite unwell at the party and ergo, eat very little. Mrs. Reese's baby was christened. Returned safely at 10 ½, and retired at 11 P.M.

November 26. Wednesday.

Arose at 6 ½. Marshall again sick. Received a letter from Ellen. Matters remain in state ano. Answered her letter immediately. I love so much to write to her. Attended Society. Election of officers. Mr. S.J. Jones desired to make an explanation. House resolved itself into committee of the whole. Effinger in chair. Jones then made a long a abusive speech in which Frank, Steve, Effinger, and myself were pretty severely handled by false statements, which his own witnesses refuted. Steve, & Frank answered him the former with a first-rate, and the latter with a withering sarcastic speech. I made a few explanations. We were denominated a click— i.e. Frank, Steve, Carson and myself. Quite an honor, that

we can rule society. The election then came up— Jones and Brim for president, which resulted in the election of the former by two votes— Getzendaner and Pursell— both voting for him, which action it is very hard for us to overlook. The party then had the election to themselves, for but few of ours voted. Snively, Vice President, Purcell, Carson both bought— Hopkins, Getzendaner and Baer, Counsellors. I was elected on the book committee, but respectfully resigned— Steve & Carson in order, followed suit. The reason why we were not elected to the Counsellorships, which they assign is that they are satisfied that we debate well, and wish to hear us on other duties. I hope they will be gratified. Society continued in session until six o'clock. We then took supper at Millers, after which Brim, we four, McPherson and Baer and Effinger, eat an oyster supper at the same place. Had a bunkum time. Our defeat not affecting us in the least, knowing, as we do, that our side when compared with the other in quality greatly exceeds. Recd a letter from Father. Retired at 10 ½ P.m.

November 24th Thursday.

Arose at 6 ½. Failed in Johnson's. He always calls me on the most difficult parts of the lesson. Received a letter from Innes. He has been very sick, and came near "pegging out". His love affair in Geneva, he says, is "smashed to h—l". Took tea at Mr. Tiffanys. Lizzie Seymour was present. She sang considerable. John Stayman played, and I played and sang.

I am sorry Lizzie is going away so soon, for her company is very entertaining and agreeable. Walked home with Lizzie, thereby disappointing Mr. Joe Snively, the bought Vice President Elect. Lizzie expressed many regrets at going away, and I suppose she felt them. Many were personal. It may be well enough here to state that she is about 28 years of age. So I am not in love there at all. Returned at 10 and retired at 10 ½ P.M. by the watch.

November 28. Friday.

Arose at 6 ½. Called in Wilson's. Got my "Raglan" from "Skiles" the tailor. Like it first-rate; it is so easy, warm, and "bully riptum" as Tom Conrad wd. say. Fixed— i.e. made frames of glass and gilt paper for 5 Shakspeare pictures and took them down to the Hall. They look bunkum. Put up several other pictures. Having to sit up with Dr. Dougherty, who is very sick, I could not attend the

meeting. Came to Dr. D's at 9 ½, and at 11. Frank came, and both sit up through the night. The Chapter elected as delegates to the Convention— Frank, Brims and Stevenson. No other important business was transacted. We left Dr. D— much better at 6 ½ A.M. He is suffering with ulcerated Sore Throat: has a very high fever, and is what I call decidedly sick. Found sitting up, pretty tough, as both were very sleepy and would doze off occasionally. However we worked through in very good style, until 6 ½ A.M. when we were dismissed by Mrs. D.

November 29th Saturday.

Arose at — up all night. Did not attend recitation. Slept but little during the day. Bade the Seymour's, Good Bye, at 10 A.M. They expect to be absent about 6 months — awful long time to think about, more so to realize. Had no choir meeting. After a short visit from Mil Roberts, retired at 8 ½ P.M.

November 30. Sunday.

Arose at 8. Uncle Charles has gone some twelve miles beyond Mechanicsburg to Lewisburg in order to dedicate a church. Theodore Riley played the melodeon in the forenoon, and I attended the Episcopal choir and sang bass. Went to see Mr. Kremer, the German reform minister, who is to preach for us this afternoon. Got the hymns. Had awful singing at afternoon service. Just got through, and that was all. Went home with Mettie from church. Attended Kremer's church at night. Heard very pleasant sermon by Mr. Wing on, "There is no might there". Wrote to Innes and to my dearest Ellen. Retired at 9 P.M.

December 1st Monday.

Arose at 6 ½. Marshall sick. No recitation. Dr. Collins did not return— ergo no recitation to him. Took a lesson in music at 6 P.M. At 7 ½, Stevenson and myself called on the Staymen's. Mettie sang several pieces. Kitty Lynel, Kathleen Mavourneen, Brave Old Oak, Juanita, and several others. I sang "old Sexton and played others. Enjoyed a very pleasant hour.

At 11, Messrs. Effinger, Goff, Griffith W & E.S. Carson, Slape, Gordon, Awl, Getzendaner, Findlay and King, constituting a Calathumpian band, met at my room with the proper instruments - viz - tin-pans, bones, horns, flutes &c. &c.

Appointed me leader. Sereneda Our Bel and Jak - Mr. & Mrs. Meckley, who between them have had a young run. Were chased from there— met again at the German Reform Church Corner, whence with loud music marched to Wilson, thence to Marshalls, thence to Johnsons, thence to Grammar School where we sang "Dismal Swamp", when we quietly adjourned, highly pleased with our fun. Intend organizing a band of 20, for general devilment, and unmitigatedrascality. Ret. 12.

December 2. Tuesday.

Arose at 6 ½. Called in Marshalls. Also in Johnson's while I was out a few minutes. Excused. Josephine Carson arrived to day, and is staying at Mrs. Myers. Spent the afternoon there. Had the magic Lantern at Wilsons Lecture. Stevenson tumbled John Carson and myself over the bench, causing considerable confusion, and making Wilsons awful mad. Called two or three fellows, he could not designate them, fools, giving vent to his anger in such like expletives. Rather think he makes a fool of himself, to be plagued so at the mischief of the fellows. If he would keep quiet and minus mark, why he would get along a great deal better. However we expect nothing more from a "one idea man". Ret. 10.

December 3d Wednesday.

Arose at . No fire in Marshall's, and hence, no recitation. Mettie, Lizzie and Mrs. Medary went off to Baltimore. Sent, by them, my kindest regards to Miss M— &c. &c. Stayed away from Johnson's and Tiffs. Spent a couple of hours with Josephine Carson, singing, playing and so on. Attended Society. Regular orders gone through with: and our term of office expired. Called with McPherson on Sallie Stevenson, and remained an hour. Wrote off Frank's lectures— 30 pages. Wrote to Ellen, and also to Annie who has been dangerously ill with the eyysiplas in her face, but a letter rec'd from father to day, announces that she is rapidly recovering Read "Peter Simple" a short time and retired at 10.

December 4th Thursday.

Arose at 6 ½. Wilson and Tiffany excused us, and I then failed in Johnson's again. Come to the conclusion that I will not get another lesson in Johnson's room this session: he has called more than any one in the class and I won't stand it. Met

Miss Kate S— in Uncle Charles this morning— Came in while I was practicing, and we had a long chat. Coz Maria made me a present of a beautiful watch case last night, for which I feel thankful. Gave her a neat, pocket letter weight— a very convenient and useful little article. Received the Ladies Repository full of interesting matter. Took a lesson in music from John Stayman and had a bunkum time. He gave me to learn several Sonatinas by Clements. They are very beautiful, and worthy of study and attention. Mr. & Mrs. Rhem, Mr. Reese and Kate Stayman took tea in Uncle Charle's. Spent the evening there and walked home with Kate. Had a little conversation about Ellen. Retired at 10 ½

December 5th Friday.

Arose at 6 ½. No fire in Wilson's, so we were excused, also by Johnson, and after a few explanations on the curves, also by Tiffany. Extensive day's work. Received a very sweet letter from my dearest Ellen: oh the affection I have for her is unbounded, and never to be shaken. A meeting of the Viginti was called in W. Griffiths— 2d section— E.C. The members are Effinger, Gough [Harrison Dorsey Gough, Class of 1858], Getzendaner, E.L. Griffith, W.H. Griffith, Gordon, Mullin [Alfred Foster Mullin, Class of 1858], Findlay Hulsey, Mullin [crossed out], Perrie W.F, Conrad, Cloud, Awl, Stevenson, Ditty [Cyrus Irving Ditty, Class of 1857], Slape, Carson, Purcell, Duvall and King. Findlay was elected Captain or Generalissimo, and Awl, leader of music. The band is Calathum pian, organized for the purpose of serenading the Faculty and distinguished strangers. Quite a good idea— We have a good set of fellows, and I think we will have a good time, generally. Frank and I called on Miss Josephine Carson, and passed the evening. He entertained Josephine, while I entertained myself more agreeably at the Piano. Came to room, and after the necessary preliminary arrangements, retired at 10 ¾.

December 6. Saturday.

Arose at 5, and went to market with Uncle Charles, to procure butter for our folks at home. Succeeded in getting only about thirty pounds. We are excused from Wilson's for the rest of the Session. At 10 o'clock delivered a Junior Speech in the Chapel. Hulsey spoke Hayne's speech against new England, and I replied with Webster's speech concerning "matches and overmatches. Coz. Maria, Kate S, Joe Carson, Cis Collins, and several of the younger children were present, and of

course I rec'd any quantity of (forced, I suppose) compliments. I came off very well, and much better than I anticipated and am very well satisfied, and very glad it is over. Called on Ginnie Merchant about 4 o'clock, and played a game of Euchre, and had a long talk. Madame Thom— the eccentric widow came in, and also several others, so I scoped. Went to see Ginnie again at 7 ½— Marion Long, Charly Hepburn, and Hitner [John K. Hitner, Class of 1859] were present. Played Euchre some time— and then Ginnie favored us with some music, and I played and sang and left at 10. Rec'd letter from Father— Annie is well again. Vigusti met in costume— various disguises, and serenaded all the faculty with tin-horns and other Calathumpian instruments. Succeeded in making night hideous. Returned at 11, eat some oysters of our own cooking, in the chafing dish, and then retired, at 12, Vigusti met to day. Elected me Sec. and drafted a Constitution.

December 7. Sunday.

Arose at 7 ½. Excuse could find my shoe to get to prayers. Coz. Maria fixed my hair nicely. Attended Chapel— Dr. Collins officiating. No ladies in the choir— Got through very well, considering. Went to Grandmother Collins and to dearest Ellen. Being communion service in afternoon, did not attend choir. Frank and I went to take Kate and Coz. Maria to church, but Pede Marshall was before us, so Frank yielded the floor to me. Took Kate to German Reform, when Bro. Wing preached on— "this is not his own place". Escorted her home, and immediately returned & retired at 10.

December 8th Monday.

Arose at 6 1/2. Had a terrible dream last night. Thought I was on a steam-tug, sounding a river and my hat blew into the water— I shoved off the skiff to get it, but instead of getting into the skiff, I pushed it into the water, and jumped after it. When the tide carrying the boat away, and my clothes becoming very wet. I struggled awhile and was sinking when I awoke, very glad to find it but a dream. Received a letter from Mil Roberts at West Cheste, Pa. At school with A. Bolma. Called in Uncle C's room. He made a laughable mistake about the lesson. The regular lesson is 20 pages: he gave us to Chap. VII, from twenty pages back, but did not notice, that in advance, he had omitted about 13 pages, so we only got about 7. He was considerably bored, and made us recite these 7 pages three times, keeping us the full hour.

Took lesson in Music. Stayed about two hours— John & Josephine Carson came in, afterwards, & then I left. Frank rec'd a letter from Theo. F— asking if I was a flirt, and if he thought I was flirting with Ellen. Frank exhonerated me from both insinuations, and gave me an excellent character for constancy, and affection. Called on Joe Carson with Stevenson & stayed a couple of hours. Retired 10 ½.

December 9. Tuesday.

Arose at 6 ½. Wrote to Father. Failed in Johnson's again. Coz. Maria rec'd letter from Annie: talked over matters and things with Coz. Maria, & practiced an hour. Called on Kate S—. Had a long confidential conversation concerning Ellen & and my relations to Rachael Medary. Played back-gammon— She came out two ahead, after several games. A young student by the name of Moore, from the West Indies got awful tight, and came to Dr. Collin's front door with the intention of confessing to Dr — " all his trio and manifold transgressions and also of peaching on his chum: but Tom Reynolds jerked him down steps, I tumbled him over the fence, and with the aid of Williams — a prep — carried him per to his room, and threatened to tie him if he didn't lie still: so in consideration of our fierce threats he concluded to cool down and go to sleep, and we left, pitying the youth for his indiscretions, and sympathizing with his parents who are ignorant of his conduct her. Left him at 11 ½, and retired at 12.

December 10 Wednesday.

Arose at 5 ½. Went to market with Uncle C—. Says he caught a Junior, tight last eve, and complains much of the general disturbance. Calathumpian bands, &c. &c. Attended society. Duke Slavens of Kentucky was initiated. Sam Jones has gone home sick, so by a motion, Frank kept the chair. Care resigned the Treasurership, and I was elected by a large majority, but few voting against me. Frank and I called on Mrs. Reese and passed a pleasant half hour. Then went to Oyster Salloon, eat some of the best oysters I ever eat in Carlisle. Wrote to my Ellen: also a composition for examination. Calathumpian Viginti serenaded the Faculty, & Josephine Carson. Awl was absent and I was appointed leader pro tem. Got along first rate. The instruments were more varied, and we made more fuss. Dispersed at Campus corner, and retired at 12 ½.

December 11. Thursday.

Arose at 6. No recitations except Johnson who excused us. Call meeting of Union Society at one o'clock, to elect delegates to to wait on Mr. Buchanan at Wheatland, and offer the congratulations of society. Committee elected by ballot were, Messrs. Findlay, Stevenson, Effinger, King, Baer [Robert Newton Baer, Class of 1858] and Brooking- 4 Juniors & 2 Seniors. Also appointed a committee of 12 to re-arrange the Library in vacation. Took a very pleasant music lesson. Burns - 1st Tenor, and violinist, King - 2nd Tenor & Guitarist, Barnes - Falsetto & flutist, and Awl - Bass viol & basso.

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December 14th Sunday.

Arose at 8 ½. Dr. Collins unwell and missed prayers so I escaped. Only about twenty fellows present. An hour and a half with Coz. Maria who fixed my hair in excellent manner, making my head feel as nice, as if it had been put throught a Patent Yankee Washing Machine. Attended Chapel — Brother Wing officiating in forenoon, and Prof. Johnson in afternoon. Played in 2d Presbt. Choir, and then walked home with Maggie Maury, with whom I've had a long conversation. Returned to room. Wrote to Ellen and to Father - also instructions for Ellen Galbreath the seamstress who leaves for Washington tomorrow. Ret at 10.

December 15. Monday.

Arose at 6 ½. Made a poor recitation in Johnsons, got through first-rate in Schem's and Uncle Charle's. Finished at 4. Sent off Ellen Galbreath. Rec'd letter from James Buchanan in which he states that he is going to Philadelphia, and will be unable to received us at present. Don't say when he will. Junior Class met in Gordon's room at 1, and made a few more arrangements— invited the Senior Class &c. &c. Called on Ginnie Merchant and the Porters to bid good-bye— The latter & girls and all kissed me which, at this time is excessively borous. Met Kate S— in Uncle C's and escorted her home. Returned and beaned Coz. Maria over there, then re-returned and went over with Frank. Sat a half hour. Coz. M— fitted out my toilette case.

At 11 o'clock the officers elect met in Slape's room, and in a few minutes marched to South College, where we took up the bier (a white window shutter) on which in a black-box lay Mahan's Intellectual Philosophy shrouded in black. We marched into Prof. Wilson's room, which was brilliantly illuminated, every gaslight being in full blow. A greater part of the Senior and Junior Class were present. W.J. Stevenson opened the services by an Oration on the life and services of Mahan, which was very good. After this Gough read a very appropriate poem, with a number of good bits. The procession then re-formed, bier supported by six pall-bearers in front, Cloud and myself next, the Juniors as chief mourners, and then the Seniors, about half of them with lamps and candles, and marched with solemn tread down Main Street to the Campus gate, which entered, we proceeded towards West College up the main path, thence down the North & South path, to the S.W. corner of the campus, where was Hulsey - the sexton - standing by the open grave. The first Ode - to the tune of "Auld Lang Syne" was sung with spirit, after which I read my Sermon, of fifteen minutes length: during which the coffin was lowered and the earth dropped lightly in. At the conclusion, Cloud delivered an appropriate Latin Prayer, which by the by was very good indeed. We then sang the 2d Ode, to the tune of "Massa's in the cold, cold ground". I singing the Solo, and all joining in the chorus. I then pronounced a blessing, and we started toward our rooms yelling and howling most piteously. During the exercises we were of course occasionally interrupted by sobs and loud wailing. All— Seniors included, concur in saying that the exercises were splendid throughout: and especially so, as the time for preparation was so short. I was dressed in my long, patriarchal cloak— formerly Fathers, and a black sailor-hat fixed in imitation of a priests three cornered affair, with a long black cape, entirely concealing all my head, save the face: looking quite priestly and awful solemn. The exercises are worthy of mention, as they are a novelty here. Retired at 1 P.M. P.S. The Philosophy buried belonged to Prof. Johnson who teaches it, and was stolen from him yesterday by Ali Slape, while Johnson was at church: and forsooth he missed the book, and concluded that he had mislaid it: however it is not mis-laid, but deposited in the fit receptacle for such an abominable bore, which now to think of, makes the blood cold: but to think of as defunct, sends a thrill of pleasure to the heart. Farewell Old Mahan: may you be forever, in that silent and chilly grave, undisturbed, unchanged.

Tuesday. December 16.

Arose at 7 ½. Made a few flying visits. Called at Porter's. Said family hung to me, showering kisses &c. until I was forced to tear myself away, for fear of giving rent to some unpardonable remarks. It made me uncomfortably sick. At 10 o'clock A.M. the cars bore away a jovial band of Juniors and Seniors, who exhibited their attachment for other parts by singing the glorious old tune of "Auld Long Syne", and whistling fervently "the girl I left behind me. Harrisburgh after a short time was duly reached. John Carson and I jumped off at the Bridge, and called on Ginnie Allen and Maria Stevenson at the Penna. Female College, about ten minutes before recess. Mr. Waugh, the Principal, came in very much excited, and wished to know if we had any particular messages for the young ladies: if so he would take them; the young ladies were not allowed to received visitors in study hours. &c. &c. We kept perfectly cool, signified our intension of waiting for the recess and the girls, treated him very politely and bowed him almost raving, out of the parlor. Ha! ha! ha! Rather rich, I should say. However, Ginnie A. came down. Maria S. was so angry, she wouldn't. We left in a short time. Took dinner in the cars, after having bid adieu to Miss Josephine Carson, who was on her way to York, we proceeded towards Philadelphia. At Lancaster, the President Elect, James Buchanan entered the cars. After a while, I handed him my card: he received me cordially, asked if I received his letter and regretted he could not meet us. Talked over old times, college affairs past and present, the morality then and now, and also a few words relative to Dr. Tiffany, as he called the Prof. The interview was very agreeable, and especially worthy of mention. We reached Phila at 7 o'clock, when Steve, John C. and I went up to S—s where we took up our quarters for the week. Found much enjoyment in the company of Mrs. S— and Cousin Maggie Stevenson especially, with whom (the latter) I attended the Arch St. Theatre twice, Sanford's Opera house, and other places of amusement. The week was spent in visiting Independence Hall. The Mint, Fairmount Water Works, Girard College, where we met M.E. Clark, who kindly showed us around the premises, Blind Asylum, and others too numerous to mention. On Monday, Dec. 22d The Convention of the Φ . κ . Σ . fraternity met in the Hall of the A. chapter. Delegates from nine chapters were present. Frank, Carson, and I were appointed by the Φ κ . chapter, of Emory and Henry College. The Session continued through Monday and Tuesday, and wound up by a glorious banquet at the Merchant's Hotel. This affair is truly a garden shot in my life. Every-thing passed off gloriously, and all separated. I know with the conviction

the $\Phi.K.\Sigma.$ is a glorious institution, and being connected therewith is one of the luckiest and happiest circumstances of ones life. "Esto Perpetua". Wednesday at 1 o'clock in company with Frank, and W.B. Ritter, we started for Washington. Reached Balt. one hour and a half behind time. Put up at Barnum's. Went to Holiday Street Theatre, and listened to some very poor acting by Fanny Morant and others. At 12 all retired to the room— No 9.5— where Ritter kept us in jolly glee for near an hour. After which we were compelled to go to sleep. At 3, we were awakened, and took up our line of march for Washington at which place we arrived at 6 A.M. Found all very well, and also that I had caught a miserable cold. Having arrived at W— I will state that I.D. Clark of our (E) chapter, and W.B. Ritter of University of Va. are elected Orator and Poet for next year, and Sam'l Dickson of A. chapter, and J. Vansant of N.Y. alternates for next, if not, to serve the succeeding year. The convention to be held at Washington, D.C. Frank was appointed Presd't of the convention, a great complement to the ΦK chapter. To the toast to the chapter, I responded. Steve for the E chapter, Frank for the fraternity, and Hulsey for the absent members.

At home everything was O.K. Showed Frank the girls, and other things of interest, attended several parties— one at Sec'y Marcy's. Presdts Levee &c. Had quite a pleasant party of 50 or 60 at our house, at which everything passed off pleasantly. Among the particular friends who were present, were Lou Schwarzman, Deb. Mankin, Sarah Grayson, Lottie Reed from Mt Holly, N.J.: besides a host of Annie's particular friends almost entire strangers to me. During the vacation purchased my first swallowtail coat, a note worthy of particular mention. Innes and Jn. R. were both at home: of course much of my time was spent with them. As all good things have a speedy conclusion, so our vacation drew to a close, and on Saturday morning, at 6 o'clock in company with Stevenson, whose Father & Mother I had the pleasure of conducting around on Friday, we started for Carlisle. Our journey is a continued chapter of accidents— some affording pleasure: others affording borosities. About two miles from the Relay house, we met a "grasshopper" freight engine off the track; here, by this pigmy affair, we were detained $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour putting it on the track: which being done, we reached Baltimore in time to be $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour too late for our train. Put up at the Mattby house. At 11, called at Brook's female Seminary, and met John A. Munroe, my old and severed Chum, present Prof. Of Mathematics at said institute. With him, I had a very sociable and pleasant time.

At 12 M. the Trio called at Mr. Medary's. We were ushered into the parlor to await the ladies who had gone out for a few minutes. While there, copying a very accurate degaureotype of Miss Rachael M— I coolly pocketed it. Having waited a short time, and no ladies appearing, we concluded to leave and call again. Accordingly at 7 ½ P.m. we entered, and had the extreme pleasure of meeting Misses Metta & Lizzie Stayman, & Rachael & Belle Medary. My time and attention were of course engrossed by Miss Ra, with whom I had a social conversation: talked of last summer: explained why I did not write: viz. because I thought it rather forward in me to ask it on so short an acquaintance: Asked her to sing: she led off with "Dearest the daylight is gone" in which it reads "The hand of death only can sever, my lasting affection for thee". Metta followed with "Kathleen Marourneen", Oh, dear!!! and I with "Old Sexton". Miss Ra was very captivating, and I played the especially agreeable. At 9 o'clock, having squeezed Miss Rachael's hand, and received a most emphatic pressure in return, I took my leave, with the others. Settled affairs at the Mattby House, and started for the depot, which after an awful jolty ride in the omnibus, we reached at 10 o'clock. Cars started, and after a tedious ride, curled up on two seates, we reached a dreary spot 13 miles from York when the engine broke a shaft. Laid by an hour to repair damages, and started again. Reached

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